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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: SHUM, KE

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF NGUGI WA THIONG'O

1. AS POST AWARE, NGUGI HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI) AS A PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE AND IS DESIGNATED BY AI AS ONE OF THREE PRISONERS FOR WHOM SPECIAL APPEAL WILL BE MADE DURING MONTH OF JULY. AF AND HA HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED ENQUIRIES FROM AI AND OTHER NON-OFFICIAL HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT THE STATUS OF NGUGI. IN SUM, HIS CASE SEEMS TO BE ASSUMING SOME SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. IN ITS FUTURE REPORTING ON NGUGI DETENTION, POST SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING QUESTIONS POSED BY AI IN A RECENT LETTER TO AF BUREAU HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER:

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-- ARE THERE ANY INDICATIONS THAT KENYAN AUTHORITIES INTEND TO BRING NGUGI TO TRIAL?

-- WOULD THE US EMBASSY SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND ANY SUCH COURT PROCEEDINGS?

-- IS NGUGI'S DETENTION INDEFINITE OR WILL DUE PROCESS

BE INVOKED? IN THIS REGARD IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY

TO REVIEW FOR US KENYAN PREVENTATIVE DETENTION, HABEUS
CORPUS AND OTHER RELEVANT STATUTES THAT MAY COME INTO PLAY.

3. AF POUCHING COPY OF AI LETTER TO NAIROBI FOR POST IN-
FORMATION. WE WILL MAKE VERBAL RPT VERBAL REPLY TO AI
WASHINGTON OFFICE WHEN WE RECEIVE YOUR THOUGHTS ON ABOVE
QUERIES. IN THIS REGARD, A SUMMARY RECORD OF YOUR CON-
TACTS WITH GOK ON NGUGI CASE WOULD BE USEFUL. CHRISTOPHER

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